

Putnam

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Windham County
Danielson Labor Market Area
Northeast Economic Dev. Region
Northeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1855

Demographics

				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
<i>Population (1998)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	8,580	92,313	3,107,580	White	8,535	96,816	2,648,212
1990	9,031	102,525	3,287,116	Black	103	1,131	274,213
1998	8,890	105,074	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	52	1,128	73,304
2003	8,756	105,698	3,272,149	Native American	37	349	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-1.51%	0.59%	0.03%	Other	21	119	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	142	5,531	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	20.29	512.80	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	11.08%	8.03%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	438.15	204.90	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$18,936	\$19,067	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	3,472	37,859	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,973	33.8%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	36.5	35.5	37.2	Some College	1,081	18.5%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	739	12.6%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	332 8%	817 20%	317 8%	1,581 38%	578 14%	564 13%	4,189
Female	313 7%	802 17%	361 8%	1,605 34%	635 14%	985 21%	4,701
County Total	7,374 7%	19,288 18%	10,266 10%	39,269 37%	15,064 14%	13,813 13%	105,074
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>% of</i>	
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
Agriculture	3	0.5%	24	0.4%		
Const. and Mining	88	15.8%	317	5.4%		
Manufacturing	51	9.1%	982	16.6%		
Trans. And Utilities	13	2.3%	95	1.6%		
Trade	176	31.5%	1,519	25.8%		
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	29	5.2%	167	2.8%		
Services	186	33.3%	2,609	44.2%		
Government	12	2.2%	186	3.2%		
Total	558	100.0%	5,899	100.0%		
<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>						
					<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
				International Paper Co.	\$8,586,330	2.46%
				Staples, Inc.	\$6,260,370	1.79%
				K-Mart Corporation	\$4,684,800	1.34%
				Tuscarora Plastics, Inc.	\$4,057,630	1.16%
				Wal-Mart	\$3,964,520	1.13%
				Grand List Total (1996)	\$349,444,870	
<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>						
				HealthNet of New England	U.S. Button Corporation	
				Putnam Public School System	International Paper Co.	
				Superwinch, Inc.		
					<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
				<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$75,233,405	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	1,462	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,507	\$8,300		Reading	46 55	67 60	65 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$44,202	\$48,598		Math	43 59	56 52	50 51		
Students Attending Public School	87.1%	89.2%		Writing	34 46	56 46	42 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.4	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	67.1%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	5.9%	4.6%		Verbal		502	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		485	499		
Kindergarten 18.2	Grade 2 20.6								
Grade 5 20.8	Grade 7 20.9	High School 20.5							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$2,105,286
		As % of Expenditures	14.3%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$15,502,416	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$14,693,319
Tax Revenue	\$5,103,933	Education	\$10,061,822
Non-tax Revenue	\$2,613,243	Other	\$4,631,497
Intergovernmental	\$7,785,240	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$9,602,166
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$568	As % of Expenditures	65.3%
As % of State Average	39.9%	Per Capita	\$1,085
		As % of State Average	104.3%
		Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$425,413,613
		Per Capita	\$48,091
		As % of State Average	61.7%
		Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/88
		Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		Actual Mill Rate (1997)	14.25
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	11.72
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	24.2%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	3,871	42,880	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	50.7%	65.0%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	85	909	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	10	323	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	20	411	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.26%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	1	27	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	28	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	6	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	106	1,355	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	2	4,036
Average Price	\$104,944	\$99,084	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$91,000	\$93,825	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,990	24,954	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	48.5%	36.4%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	791	5,189	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
Labor Force	4,511	55,776	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents	Commuting to	
Employed	4,164	52,071	1,635,400	1. Putnam	1851	Putnam	1851
Unemployed	347	3,705	87,900	2. Killingly	922	Massachusetts	577
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	6.6%	5.1%	3. Thompson	581	Killingly	527
Total Employment	5,530	34,800	1,581,700	4. Woodstock	436	Woodstock	180
Manufacturing	1,120	8,480	265,850	5. Brooklyn	249	Thompson	148
'92-'97 Growth Rate	16.2%	7.7%	4.3%	6. Pomfret	234	Pomfret	103
Daytime Population	6,722	42,607	1,740,247	7. Plainfield	226	Rhode Island	62
				8. Rhode Island	204	Plainfield	60
				9. Massachusetts	192	Windham	53
				10. Mansfield	40	Groton	47

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	8	1,378	Total Volumes	40,875	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.8	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	6	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	Hartford	43	Yankee Gas Company
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	53	1-800-989-0900
Per 1,000 Residents	8.5	40	New York City	138	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	74.4%	68.8%	Providence	24	Municipal Provider
					Contact local provider
Hospitals (1997)	1	2			Cable Provider
Total Beds	104	234			Eastern CT Cable Television, Inc.
					860-739-5437